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RE: Notice of Screening for Department of National Defence's "OP NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2020" Project Proposal (19DN049)

Dear Jaida Ohokannoak,

On behalf of the Government of Nunavut (GN), I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on Department of national Defence's "OP NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2020" Project Proposal. The GN reviewed the proposed project and has prepared two (2) comments for your consideration (see Appendix).

Should you have any concerns with our comments, please contact me by phone at 867-975-7805 or by email at nogrady@gov.nu.ca.

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Appendix

GN-01: Wildlife Effects	
Department	Environment
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Wildlife Disturbance, Harvesting, and Reporting
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Screening and Comment Request for NIRB Screening of Department of National Defence's – 19DN049 – "OP NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2020" Project Proposal • NIRB Application for Screening #125498 • Project Description (2020) – OP NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2020 – Department of National Defence
CONCERNS	
<p>The Project Description lacks information about wildlife harvesting and reporting in the event of a wildlife mortality. It should be made clear that wildlife harvesting while on patrol is not permitted and if any mortalities do occur, whether intentional or accidental, they must be immediately reported to the local Department of Environment Conservation Officer. Location, identity and quantity of species, as well as cause of death should be noted and reported.</p> <p>On the patrol between Grise Fiord and Eureka, special care should be taken to avoid disturbance to wildlife, in particular Peary caribou and muskoxen.</p>	
SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>Report any and all wildlife mortalities to the local Department of Environment Conservation Officer or Department of Environment Headquarters.</p>	

GN-02: Community and Public Notice	
Department	Environment
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Community and Public Notice of Operations
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Screening and Comment Request for NIRB Screening of Department of National Defence's – 19DN049 – "OP NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2020" Project Proposal • NIRB Application for Screening #125498 • Project Description (2020) – OP NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2020 – Department of National Defence
CONCERNS	
Mention of public notice of live-fire exercises and use of explosives was not found in the Project documents. This is a concern, since harvesters may inadvertently encounter these activities while in operation.	
SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
The communities of Resolute Bay and Rankin Inlet should be made publicly aware of when and where and live-fire exercises, such as ranges or ice breaching with explosives, will occur so any harvesters that are heading out will know to avoid the areas.	